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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Amendments in the Claims

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), the following versions of the claims as rewritten by the foregoing amendment show all the changes made relative to the immediately previous versions of the claims.

Please amend Claims 38 and 60 as follows:

38. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

- 1) forming a composition that comprises a solution, dispersion, or combination thereof of one or more polymers containing a colloid wherein the colloid comprises oligodynamic metal compounds, wherein the oligodynamic metal compounds are a plurality of metal salts, a plurality of metal oxides, or a combination of at least one metal salt and at least one metal oxide;
- 2) compounding the composition formed in (1) with one or more polymers; and
- 3) processing the composition formed in (2) with the application of heat.

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60. (Amended) A method for the manufacture of an article comprising:

1) forming a composition that comprises a solution, dispersion, or a combination thereof of one or more polymers containing a colloid wherein the colloid comprises one or more oligodynamic metal compounds, wherein the oligodynamic metal compounds are at least one metal salt, at least one metal oxide, or a combination of at least one metal salt and at least one metal oxide;

2) compounding the composition formed in (1) with one or more polymers; and

3) processing the composition formed in (2) with the application of heat;

wherein the article comprises a medical device and the composition formed in step (2) is located on at least one exposed surface of the article.

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